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David Jackson
The Chicago Tribune

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Aug. 22, 2012.

On Aug. 29, you modified your request to the following data sets: 1. For students from Chicago only, for the 2010-2011 school year, for each pupil in grades K-8, data showing the pupil’s grade, district name, “enrollment/entry type code”, “enrollment/entry date” and the following exit enrollment data elements if applicable: enrollment exit date, enrollment exit status, enrollment exit/withdrawal type.
2. For students from Illinois school districts outside Chicago, for the 2010-2011 school year, for each pupil in grades K-8, data showing the pupil’s grade, “enrollment/entry type code”, “enrollment/entry date”, “exit enrollment type code” and the following exit enrollment data elements, if applicable: enrollment exit date, enrollment exit status, enrollment exit/withdrawal type.

On Aug. 29, our agency requested a new deadline of Sept. 6. Our agency was unable to meet that deadline as we needed to add the requested “exit enrollment data elements.”

The information you have requested is provided in four spreadsheets on the enclosed CD: Chicago, Outside Chicago A-K, Outside Chicago L-R and Outside Chicago S-Z.

Please note that grade levels in the “outside Chicago” districts where the student count was less than 10 have been redacted, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a). Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

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